

AMENDMENTS – IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (canceled)
2. (currently amended) The machine of claim [[1]]5 wherein:
the first product dispensing unit is a frozen product dispensing unit; and
the second product dispensing unit is a refrigerated product dispensing unit.
3. (currently amended) The machine of claim [[1]]5 wherein:
the first product dispensing unit includes a plurality of packaged pizza crust
product dispensers; and
the second product dispensing unit includes a plurality of packaged pizza topping
product dispensers.
4. (currently amended) The machine of claim [[1]]5 wherein:
the first product dispensing unit is configured for enabling different types of
packaged pizza crust product to be selectively dispensed; and
the second product dispensing unit is configured for enabling different types of
packaged pizza topping product to be selectively dispensed.
5. (currently amended) A vending machine, comprising:
a first product dispensing unit configured for dispensing packaged pizza crust
product;
a second product dispensing unit configured for dispensing packaged pizza
topping product; and

a second product dispensing unit configured for dispensing packaged pizza
topping product; and
an apparatus coupled to the first product dispensing unit and the second
dispensing unit, wherein the apparatus is configured for facilitating input
and processing of a customer-configured pizza preparation kit order; The
machine of claim 1

wherein the apparatus includes:

an user interface arrangement configured for enabling input and payment
of the customer-configured pizza preparation kit order; and
an order processing arrangement configured for determining pizza kit
components of the customer-configured pizza preparation kit
order, preparing component-specific preparation instructions and
controlling dispensing of said kit components.

6. (original) The machine of claim 5 wherein the apparatus includes a kit component management arrangement configured for managing kit component inventory.

7. (canceled)

8. (currently amended) The machine of claim [[7]]12 wherein the product dispensing arrangement includes:

 a first product dispensing unit configured for dispensing packaged pizza crust product ~~comprised by the customer configured pizza preparation kit; and~~
 a second product dispensing unit configured for dispensing packaged pizza topping product ~~comprised by the customer configured pizza preparation kit.~~

9. (original) The machine of claim 8 wherein:

 the first product dispensing unit is a frozen product dispensing unit; and
 the second product dispensing unit is a refrigerated product dispensing unit.

10. (original) The machine of claim 8 wherein:

 the first product dispensing unit includes a plurality of packaged pizza crust product dispensers; and
 the second product dispensing unit includes a plurality of packaged pizza topping product dispensers.

11. (original) The machine of claim 8 wherein:

 the first product dispensing unit is configured for enabling different types of packaged pizza crust product to be selectively dispensed; and
 the second product dispensing unit is configured for enabling different types of packaged pizza topping product to be selectively dispensed.

12. (currently amended) A vending machine, comprising:

a user interface arrangement configured for facilitating input of a customer- configured pizza preparation kit order;
an order processing arrangement configured for processing the customer- configured pizza preparation kit order; The machine of claim 7 wherein
said processing includes determining pizza kit components of the customer-configured pizza preparation kit order, preparing component-specific preparation instructions and controlling dispensing of said kit components; and
a product dispensing arrangement configured for dispensing a customer- configured pizza preparation kit corresponding to said order.

13. (original) The machine of claim 7, further comprising:

a kit component management arrangement configured for managing kit component inventory.

14. (currently amended) A vending machine, comprising:

a user interface arrangement configured for facilitating input of a customer- configured pizza preparation kit order;
an order processing arrangement configured for processing the customer- configured pizza preparation kit order; The machine of claim 7 wherein
the order processing arrangement is configured for: processing payment of said order; displaying a visual representation of a pizza corresponding to said order; and controlling dispensing of kit components comprised by said order; and
a product dispensing arrangement configured for dispensing a customer- configured pizza preparation kit corresponding to said order.

15. (currently amended) A vending machine, comprising: ~~The machine of claim 7 wherein:~~
a user interface arrangement configured for facilitating input of a customer-
configured pizza preparation kit order; wherein the user interface includes
a visual display; and
an order processing arrangement configured for processing the customer-
configured pizza preparation kit order; wherein the order processing
arrangement includes means for displaying a visual representation of a
pizza corresponding to said order on the visual display; and
a product dispensing arrangement configured for dispensing a customer-
configured pizza preparation kit corresponding to said order.

16. (original) A vending machine, comprising:

means for determining kit components of a customer-configured pizza preparation kit;

means for preparing component-specific preparation instructions for the customer-configured pizza preparation kit order; and

means for dispensing said kit components and said preparation instructions.

17. (original) The machine of claim 16 wherein said means for determining kit components includes a apparatus configured for facilitating input and processing of a customer-configured pizza preparation kit order.

18. (original) The machine of claim 16 wherein said means for dispensing said kit components includes:

a first product dispensing unit configured for dispensing packaged pizza crust product; and

a second product dispensing unit configured for dispensing packaged pizza topping product.

19. (original) The machine of claim 18 wherein:

the first product dispensing unit is a frozen product dispensing unit; and

the second product dispensing unit is a refrigerated product dispensing unit.

20. (original) The machine of claim 18 wherein:

the first product dispensing unit includes a plurality of pizza crust dispensers; and

the second product dispensing unit includes a plurality pizza topping dispensers.

21. (original) The machine of claim 18 wherein:

the first product dispensing unit is configured for enabling different types of packaged pizza crust product to be selectively dispensed; and

the second product dispensing unit is configured for enabling different types of packaged pizza topping product to be selectively dispensed.

22. (original) The machine of claim 16, further comprising:

means for managing kit component inventory.

23. (new) The machine of claim 14 wherein the product dispensing arrangement includes:

a first product dispensing unit configured for dispensing packaged pizza crust product; and

a second product dispensing unit configured for dispensing packaged pizza topping product.

24. (new) The machine of claim 23 wherein:

the first product dispensing unit is a frozen product dispensing unit; and

the second product dispensing unit is a refrigerated product dispensing unit.

25. (new) The machine of claim 23 wherein:

the first product dispensing unit includes a plurality of packaged pizza crust product dispensers; and

the second product dispensing unit includes a plurality of packaged pizza topping product dispensers.

26. (new) The machine of claim 23 wherein:

the first product dispensing unit is configured for enabling different types of packaged pizza crust product to be selectively dispensed; and the second product dispensing unit is configured for enabling different types of packaged pizza topping product to be selectively dispensed.

27. (new) The machine of claim 14, further comprising:

a kit component management arrangement configured for managing kit component inventory.

28. (new) The machine of claim 15 wherein the product dispensing arrangement includes:

a first product dispensing unit configured for dispensing packaged pizza crust product; and
a second product dispensing unit configured for dispensing packaged pizza topping product.

29. (new) The machine of claim 28 wherein:

the first product dispensing unit is a frozen product dispensing unit; and
the second product dispensing unit is a refrigerated product dispensing unit.

30. (new) The machine of claim 28 wherein:

the first product dispensing unit includes a plurality of packaged pizza crust product dispensers; and

the second product dispensing unit includes a plurality of packaged pizza topping product dispensers.

31. (new) The machine of claim 28 wherein:

the first product dispensing unit is configured for enabling different types of packaged pizza crust product to be selectively dispensed; and the second product dispensing unit is configured for enabling different types of packaged pizza topping product to be selectively dispensed.

32. (new) The machine of claim 15, further comprising:

a kit component management arrangement configured for managing kit component inventory.